

BRITISH PRISONERS IN HOLLAND BUILD HOMES FOR THE BELGIANS

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Nov. 26.—Seven to eight thousand British prisoners of war from Germany shortly are to take up their quarters at The Hague and in the neighborhood, constituting a fresh strain on the crowded housing accommodations of the city and its environs. A like number of German prisoners from Great Britain are to be quartered in other parts of the country, and preparations are afoot to provide for them.

Both Great Britain and Germany have sent over representatives to cooperate with the Netherlands authorities in the matter. Special hospital accommodations are being provided for the numerous invalids, as

only a limited number of cases can be placed in existing civil and military hospitals. The British and the Netherlands Red Cross societies are joining efforts in this task.

A site has been offered by the city council of The Hague, in the immediate neighborhood of the British quarters, for the erection of work shops. Young Men's Christian association huts and the provision of football and cricket grounds. Following the example set in Switzerland, special care is to be devoted to training men for useful avocations. With a view to avoiding competition with native labor, in accordance with rules laid down by the authorities, the employment provided probably will take the form

of constructing movable houses or cabins for use in Belgium after the war, and making furniture for the same purpose, work that is already occupying many Belgian interned soldiers and refugees.

To accustom the German prisoners to regular employment and give them a certain amount of confidence in the future, workshops are to be erected in the Wolfhezen camp. Raw materials are to be brought from Germany, where the finished work will be in due course exported in order to avoid competition with Netherlands workmen. According to present plans, some of the men will be put to work on the land, while students will be given facilities to continue their studies at Netherlands universities.

CHRISTIAN JAPS OBJECT TO STATE FORCING ATTENDANCE TO TEMPLES

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
TOKIO, Nov. 23.—Japanese Christians of the various Protestant bodies celebrated the 44th anniversary of the day on which Martin Luther nailed his theses to the church door in Wittenberg by protesting against the government's policy of compelling participation in Shinto rites. The day being also the emperor's official birthday gave a natural opportunity to express first of all the patriotic and faithful devotion

of the Christian body to the imperial house. A declaration read by the Rev. Danji Ehama, who represents the extreme radical wing of the Congregationalists, contained one article reading:

"Freedom of religious belief is guaranteed to us by the constitution of our empire. We should exert ourselves in order to bring about a perfect realization of our rights under this provision. Consequently, the performances and events con-

nected recently with shrines, the relation between those shrines and the national education, the many practices carried on in towns and villages, all of which are more or less coercive in nature, must be viewed as infringements of the free it to be the duty of public-spirited men to be the duty of public-spirited men of our empire to correct these evils and to seek to bring about a more perfect realization of right and justice."

This action on the part of Protestant Christians in Japan has been precipitated by the transference of the government's department of religion from the home department to the department of education. It has always been a matter of debate as to whether the Shinto cult is a religion or not, but many of its ceremonies have a distinctively religious character and as such the enforcement of them in schools and at patriotic ceremonies is felt by Christians to be an infringement of religious liberty.

LINDSEY SEES PRESIDENT.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, Colo., called at the White House yesterday by appointment and discussed with President Wilson the Red Cross Christmas membership drive, which begins Monday. Judge Lindsey has volunteered for the campaign and will make several addresses here before going to New York to continue his speaking tour.

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLICATION DEPT.

The annual report of the division of publications of the department of commerce, just issued, shows that that department in one of the larger publishing establishments of the government. During the past fiscal year there were issued 1,192 daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual and special reports, covering the broad scope of work of the secretary's office and the eight bureaus of the department. The printing of these reports cost the government more than \$416,000.

The publications contain a total of 54,497 printed pages, a decrease of 1,295 pages from the preceding year, and there were printed of them a total of 4,442,200 copies, a decrease of 2,679,835. This large decrease was due partly to the department's efforts to confine the distribution of its publications to organizations and individuals having real use for them.

The department limits the free distribution of many of its publications to a few well-defined public and quasi public classes. Others are encouraged to purchase them from the superintendent of documents, who maintains a supply for sale at nominal prices. This has resulted not only in a reduction of wasteful distribution, but the report shows that the superintendent of documents received \$43,437.96 during the year from the sale of the department's publications.

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HAIR-RAISING EXPLOITS OF THE AIR MEN IN RAIDS UPON THE ENEMY

(Correspondence Associated Press.)
BEHIND THE BRITISH LINES IN FRANCE, Nov. 20.—Stories of daring escapades of British aviators, exciting aerial combats from which the air fighters escaped alive, seemingly only by miracle and of brilliantly executed raids upon German sentries and troops behind the German lines are narrated in the reports of the Royal Flying Corps covering the activities of about one week. Hair-raising incidents of three conflicts above the clouds or low over the German communication lines are described in these recent reports without bombast, as though these narrow escapes from death were commonplace and all in the day's work of the air fighter.

For example, there was the case of a British aviator officer who, when nearly a mile above the earth, was attacked by two enemy aircraft. He shot down one of them out of control, but was himself wounded and faint while still high in the air. Recovering consciousness he found his machine upside down at an elevation of 4,000 feet, with one enemy aircraft firing at him. The Britisher, however, managed after a struggle to right his machine and land safely.

In a somewhat similar instance, a German scout attacked a British airplane carrying a pilot and observer. One of the German's bullets passed through the gasoline tank of the British airplane and seriously wounded the pilot. The British observer, however, pumped a full double drum of bullets at the enemy scout at very close quarters, and the German went to the ground with a crash.

Meanwhile the British pilot had fainted and fallen against the steering "stick" in such a fashion as to throw the airplane into a spin. The British observer, clamber over the side and forward along the plane to the pilot's cockpit. Hitting the pilot in his seat and, still standing on the wing of the plane, released the steering gear, brought the machine out of the spin and safely to the ground.

Two British officers were returning from an expedition over the enemy's lines to locate hostile batteries when their machine was hit by anti-aircraft fire and the engine damaged. Volplaning, the machine landed 300 yards from the British lines, the airplane turned over and the aviators were hurled out on

the German side of a canal. Running along the beach under heavy fire from rifles and machine guns, the aviators dove into the canal only to find it full of barbed wire, but managed to reach the British lines in safety.

Many instances illustrating the reckless daring of the British aviators sent over the German lines to obtain information, destroy wireless stations and carry the German reserves are contained in the official narratives. One pilot who crossed the lines at Ypres, threw off two attacking machines, bombed the

ARGUMENTS IN DRAFT SUIT END

WEINBERGER ASKS RELEASE OF
EMMA GOLDMAN AND BERK-
MAN FROM CHARGE.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Solicitor General Davis, appearing yesterday for the government in the cases before the supreme court to test the constitutionality of the selective draft act, declared that the acts of those who prey upon the minds of the ignorant to evade the law approached treason. Argument of the cases was concluded, but no indications were given when a decision would be handed down.

Mr. Davis characterized as "frivolous" the arguments made against the law's constitutionality and said it was only because these arguments had been spread broadcast through the country that the government considered it incumbent to appear and refute them. He then recited history to show that the nation had made use of compulsory military service in times of emergency and declared that those who seek to impair the country's defense by opposing the draft law should be given the maximum punishment provided by the act. Harry Weinberger of New York City asked for the dismissal of the judgment against his clients, Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, on the ground that the government had failed to prove a conspiracy to violate the law.

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